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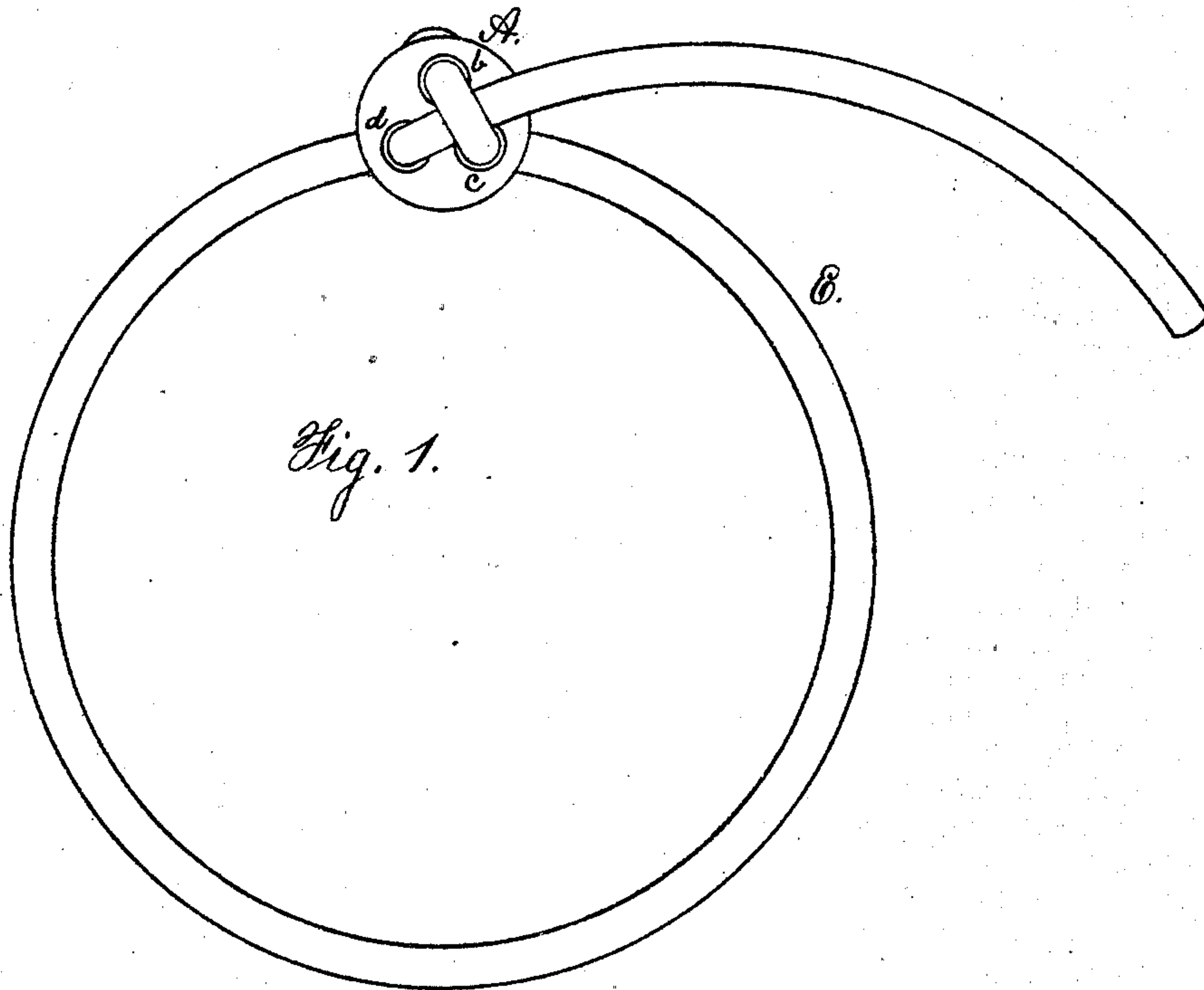
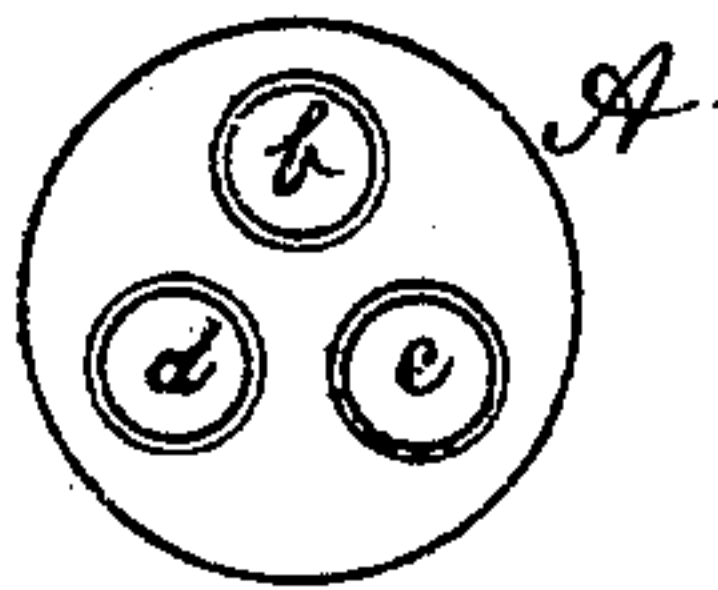


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENERS FOR BAGS, &c.

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### SPECIFICATION.

We, GEORGE C. SETCHELL and CEBRA L. TAYLOR, of Norwich, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improved Cord-Tie or Fastener for Bags and other articles, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of our invention consists in constructing a disk of metal or other proper material, perforated with three circular holes of suitable size to allow the cord or rope to be easily inserted through the holes, as hereinafter described; the object of our invention being to form a fastener with which ordinary packages of merchandise can be secured or opened with the utmost facility, while at the same time the security of this fastener is only limited by the strength of the cord used.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 shows the cord inserted in the disk ready for use. Fig. 2 shows the disk or plate with the cord attached.

A is the plate, which should be made of strong material and of sufficient thickness to prevent its becoming bent when exposed to great strain, and to allow the holes to be enlarged from the center toward each surface of the plate, so as to present a rounded edge, over which the cord is drawn to prevent injury to the cord. *b c d* are the holes, adapted to the size of the cord used.

The manner of using our fastener is as follows: The cord E being knotted at one end the other end is inserted up through the hole *b* and down through *c*, and drawn till the knot strikes the

plate. The free end of the cord is then inserted up through the hole *d* and under that portion of the cord between the holes *b* and *c*, leaving a loop large enough to be slipped over the article to be secured, when it is drawn tight around it by pulling the end of the cord, at the same time holding the plate firmly against the article. When desired, this fastening may be very easily unloosed by slightly raising that part of the plate adjacent to the hole *d*, when it readily slips over the cord.

This fastener may be attached to the bag or other article to prevent being lost when not in use.

It is evident that the size and shape of the plate may be varied, as desired, for ornament or for greater convenience in use.

We claim as our invention—

The cord-fastener, constructed as herein described, consisting of the inflexible plate A perforated with three holes, *b c d*, having the knotted cord E inserted up through *b* and down through *c*; thence around the package up through *d* and under that part of the cord between the holes *b* and *c*, by which the free end of the cord is bound and held tight at whatever point drawn, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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